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## **Public Notice for 401 Water Quality Certification**

### **Southern Humboldt Working Together, Inc. - Infiltration Well Installation**

#### **Humboldt County**

On March 18, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Southern Humboldt Working Together, Inc., requesting Federal Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification. The application covers disturbances to waters of the United States associated with the installation of an infiltration well adjacent to the South Fork of the Eel River. The application was deemed complete on March 25, 2002.

The proposed project will be located one mile southwest of Garberville, California in Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 4 East, located in Humboldt County. The purpose of the project is to install an infiltration well adjacent to the South Fork Eel River to provide agricultural water to approximately 20 head of cattle and a community garden. The well will include two 10-inch diameter, 40-foot long perforated infiltration lines, a 4-foot diameter concrete casing, a pump, and a 1-1/2-inch diameter discharge pipe. Approximately 50-100 cubic yards of river-run gravel will be excavated and then replaced upon installation of the well. Access to the site is from the left side of Moody Bridge from Sprowl Creek Road.

Mitigation measures include the use of an excavator to minimize the number of workdays. A small water collection pond will be constructed to hold water during the backfilling process. The project also involves construction of a temporary sandbag dam to control spillage of the water in the collection pond.

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDF), as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project qualifies for Categorical Exemption under CEQA.

The nearest receiving water is South Fork Eel River Hydrologic Unit 111.30; Laytonville Hydrologic Subarea 111.33.

Work is scheduled to begin once the 401 Water Quality Certification has been issued and will proceed for approximately two weeks. At this time, Regional Water Board staff is in the process of reviewing the proposed project for issuance of 401 Water Quality Certification. Comments on this project should be submitted to Kirsten James at [jamek@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:jamek@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov), within 21 days of the posting of this notice.